

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Original): An information display system comprising:

an information provider;

a communication line connected to the information provider;

a display; and

a display controller which receives an active image and a passive image from the information provider through the communication line and displays the active image and the passive image in separate areas of the display.

Claim 2 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

the display controller displays the passive image in the front of the display.

Claim 3 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein:

the display controller displays the whole passive image within the display.

Claim 4 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising:

a detector which detects whether or not the passive image is in normal status, normal status being a condition where the passive image is displayed in the front of the display and the whole passive image is displayed within the display; and

a notifier which provides a notice, when the detector detects that the passive image is not in normal status.

Claim 5 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 4, wherein:

the notifier displays the notice on the display.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An information display system as claimed in Claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein:

the active image can be updated; and

the detector detects the status of the passive image after a predetermined period of time from the provision of the notice;

the information display system further comprising:

a display delayer which delays updating the active image when the detector detects the status as being not normal.

Claim 7 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 6, further comprising:

a display suspender which suspends updating the active image when the detector detects the status as being not normal after a predetermined period of time from the time when the display delayer delays updating the active image.

Claim 8 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising:

a communication disconnecter which disconnects the communication between the information provider and the terminal when the detector detects the status as being not normal after a predetermined period of time from the time when the suspender suspends updating the active image.

Claim 9 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the active image can be updated, further comprising:

a detector which detects whether the passive image is in normal status, normal status being a condition where the passive image is displayed in the front of the display and the whole image is displayed within the display; and

a display delayer which delays updating the active image when the detector detects that the passive image is not in normal status.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An information display system as claimed in Claim ~~6 or 9~~, wherein the display delayer delays updating the active image by delaying transmission of the active image from the display information provider to the terminal.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): An information display system as claimed in Claim one of Claims 6, 9, and 10, further comprising:

means for canceling the delay of the display delayer when the detector detects normal status within a predetermined period of time after the display delayer delays the update.

Claim 12 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the active image can be updated, further comprising:

a detector which detects whether the passive image is in normal status, normal status being a condition where the image is displayed in the front of the display and the whole image is displayed within the display; and

a display suspender which suspends updating the active image when the detector detects that the passive image is not in normal status.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): An information providing system as claimed in Claim 7 ~~or 12~~, wherein:

the display suspender suspends updating the active image by terminating the normal transmission of active images from the display information provider to the terminal.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): An information display system as claimed in Claim one ~~of Claims 7; 12, and 13~~, further comprising:

means for canceling the suspension of the update by the display suspender when the detector detects normal status within a predetermined period of time after the display suspender suspends the update.

Claim 15 (Original): An information display system as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising:

a detector which detects whether the passive image is in normal status, normal status being a condition where the image is displayed in the front of the display and the whole passive image is displayed within the display; and

a communication disconnecter which disconnects the communication between the information provider and the terminal when the detector detects the image as being not in normal status.

Claim 16 (Original): An information provider that transmits a plurality of images to a terminal having a display, using a communication line to which the terminal can be connected, the information provider comprising:

means for receiving a request for an active image actively designated by the user of the terminal from the terminal;

means for selecting the active image designated by the user from among the plurality of types of images, based on the user's request;

means for selecting a passive image to be displayed on the terminal from among the plurality of types of images, regardless of active designation by the user; and

means for transmitting both the active image and the passive image to the terminal so as to have these images be displayed on the terminal.

Claim 17 (Original): An information provider as claimed in Claim 16, further comprising display control means for having the active image and the passive image be displayed in different display areas provided on the display.

Claim 18 (Original): An information provider as claimed in Claim 16, further comprising:

means for detecting whether or not the display state of the passive image is normal, a normal display state being a display state in which the entire passive image is displayed on the front-most surface of the display and within the allowed area of the display; and

means for warning the terminal when the detecting means detects that the display state is not the normal display state.

Claim 19 (Original): An information provider as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the warning means includes means for having a warning notice be displayed on the display.

Claim 20 (Original): An information provider as claimed in Claim 16, comprising:

means for detecting whether or not the display state of the passive image is normal, a normal display state being a display state in which the entire passive image is displayed on the front-most surface of the display and within the allowed area of the display; and

means for delaying updating the active image when it is detected that the display state is not normal.

Claim 21-63 (canceled)